

## COURT OF COMMON PLEAS MEETS AGAIN NEXT WEEK

After having taken a recess of one week on account of the fact that the cases from the eleventh judicial circuit were called in the State supreme court this week, the court of common pleas, Hon. S. W. G. Shipp of Florence, presiding, will convene again on next Monday morning.

When The Dispatch-News went to press last week the court was engaged in the trial of the case of Elijah Hall against the Southern Railway, in which the plaintiff sought damages for the alleged burning of a large tract of land lying near the tracks of the railway. The jury, in charge of the sheriff and a number of deputies, inspected the burned lands, and, after returning to the court house and hearing arguments of counsel for both sides and receiving the judge's charge, brought in a verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of \$1,350.

A verdict for \$450.00 was found in favor of S. Middleton Williams against the Southern Railway, the suit resulting from the same fire in which it was alleged that Elijah Hall's property was damaged.

A verdict in favor of the defendant company was returned in the case of Joseph Dreher, a negro from near Irmo, against the Columbia, Newberry & Laurens Railway company. The plaintiff was seeking damages for alleged injuries received by one of plaintiff's children when an automobile in which they were riding collided with a train at one of the railway's crossings.

A number of important cases are scheduled for trial during next week. Following is a list of veniremen who have been summoned to appear for the week:

J. Luther Crout, R. J. Hook, Charles H. Shull, Perry L. Harmon, S. Jacob Roof, Jason S. Shealy, O. Moses Price, Jacob P. Derrick, John A. H. Counts, Darling L. Jeffcoat, Alfred Gunter, Edward S. Ridgell, J. Hamp Jumper, Thomas J. Fulmer, J. Hudson Price, J. A. Whitten, Arthur D. Ellison, Bennie O. Smith, Olin A. Lucas, George P. Baker, Jno. N. Landler, A. M. Glaze, H. T. Wright, Charlie G. Metz, Mark A. Corley, Lonnie L. Frye, W. Furman Whittle, H. Kinsler Gelger, J. Burton Day, Walter E. Rauch, Glenn W. Lever, John D. Craps, Hugh E. Sumner, R. B. Rawl, C. C. Justus, Frank P. Rister.

### MEETING OF LEXINGTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The Lexington Baptist association will meet with Pleasant Hill Baptist church Saturday and Sunday, November 29 and 30. The program for the two days follows:

**Saturday.**  
10 to 10:30 A. M.—Devotional exercises.

10:30 to 11—Enrollment of delegates and reports from churches.

11 to 11:30—Introductory sermon by Rev. S. R. Taylor.

11:30 to 12—First query: How to make the most of the Bible? Discussed by Bro. G. P. Kirkland.

12 to 1:30 Noon recess.

1:30 to 2—Second query—How to succeed in the Christian life? Discussed by Rev. R. O. Jeffcoat.

2 to 2:30—Third query—Why do we forsake the assembling of ourselves together for Christian worship? Discussed by Rev. J. E. Pascal.

2:30 to 3:30—Miscellaneous business.

3:30—Adjournment until Sunday morning.

**Sunday.**

10 to 11 A. M.—Sunday school, conducted by the superintendent.

11 to 12—Missionary sermon, by Rev. J. E. Pascal.

Adjournment.

E. O. Hall, J. F. Ginter, S. R. Taylor, Charlie Gunter, Committee.

### PENSION BOARD WILL HOLD LAST MEETING DECEMBER 2

Pensions Not Enrolled by That Date Will Be Debarred.

December 2 is the date of the last meeting of the year of the Lexington County Pension Board and all pensioners whose names are not enrolled by this date will be debarred from receiving a pension hereafter. The county board is anxious that all who are entitled to be enrolled should attend to the matter at once, as they do not care to have anyone overlooked. However, the meeting to be held December 2 will be the last date on which the board will meet for the purpose of enrolling pensioners.

### GOOD ROADS MEET ON DECEMBER 1

A call has been issued by the Lexington county legislative delegation for all that are interested in the good roads movement to meet at the court house here on December 1, for the purpose of discussing ways and means whereby Lexington county can build and maintain better roads. It is to be hoped that there will be a good attendance of the citizens on that day.

The following is the call of the delegation, issued through Senator E. C. Ridgell:

To the Citizens of Lexington County:

The Lexington county legislative delegation will be pleased to meet all citizens interested in good roads, in the court house immediately after the sales Monday, December 1, 1919. We are trying to get a better plan for building and keeping up our roads and invite an expression from you.

Very respectfully,

Lexington County Legislative Delegation.

### DR. MATHIAS LOSES FINE HAT IN PARCEL POST.

Dr. J. H. Mathias, one of Lexington's most popular physicians, was in Columbia the other day, and while there spied one of the new fall hats in the show window of a well known haberdashery. The Lexington physician became infatuated with the piece of head-gear and, of course, having the price to pay for it, ordered the storekeeper to send it to Lexington by parcel post. The package arrived on Friday and when the doctor opened it up he was surprised to find only an old newspaper and a bill marked "paid" on the inside. The fine hat was missing, evidently having been stolen in transit. Dr. Mathias regretted the loss all the more because he had made the purchase for a special occasion, about which, however, he had only confided to a few "intimate" friends.

### MAMMOUTH SWEET POTATO.

H. B. Oxner & Son, well known farmers of near Lexington, brought to The Dispatch-News office on Saturday a mammoth sweet potato, which they had grown on their farm. The potato measured 4 1/2 inches in length and was of medium size in circumference, having the appearance of a long walking-cane. The specimen has attracted the attention of everyone who has chance to come into the office this week.

## AMERICAN LEGION TO HAVE CLUB ROOMS

The local Post of the American Legion is taking on new life right along these days and it is expected that the growth from now on will be by leaps and bounds for at the last meeting there was secured the authorization to rent three rooms in the new Corley building to be used as the home of the Legion in Lexington.

Two of the rooms will be thrown together and used as club rooms and the third will be fitted up as a bedroom and rented out possibly to some member of the Legion boarding in Lexington and he will probably be appointed custodian of the rooms and the Post's property. There will be a private lavatory equipped with hot and cold shower baths, and plenty of large luxurious towels will be on hand for the use of the members at all times. To the men who enjoyed the use of shower baths in the army, and to those who had used them at home or elsewhere, this will be a great attraction for it is the only place in Lexington that such accommodations can be secured. The rooms will be steam heated and will make a comfortable meeting place for the members of the Legion and their friends while in Lexington. Good reading matter will be provided, and later the Post expects to give a minstrel for the purpose of buying athletic apparatus and fitting up a small gymnasium.

The friends of the Legion will be glad to know of the progress being made by the ex-service men in their midst and they are assured that gifts of any nature to the local Post to act as a memorial to any ex-soldier or sailor who may have "gone west" will be welcomed.

## LITTLE GIRL IS DEAD OF BURNS

Little Sudie, the right and interesting six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Weed, living about five miles north of Lexington, was so horribly burned on Monday afternoon that she died from the injuries Tuesday morning about 10 o'clock, after having suffered intense agony.

Mr. and Mrs. Weed were away from home at the time, having left little Sudie and two other children alone. In some unknown manner the little girl's clothing caught from the fire in the fireplace, and before the other children could extinguish the flames the little girl was so horribly burned that death came as a relief to her suffering.

With great presence of mind, the other two children secured a bucket of water, extinguished the flames on the bed to which little Sudie had gone for rescue and which had become ignited from the burning clothing of the frightened child, thus saving the building from being destroyed. After having done this, the children removed the fragments of burned clothing from their little sister, greased her agonized body, put on fresh clothing, placed her in a little play wagon and went to the home of Mr. T. S. Harman, a mile away, and called Dr. J. H. Mathias, the family physician, over the telephone.

Dr. Mathias responded to the call at once and did all that medical skill could devise to relieve the pain, but the physician knew that it was only a matter of time until the end would come, so severe were the injuries.

Little Sudie is survived by her fond parents and two brothers and two sisters. She was the pride of the home and enjoyed the friendship of all who knew her.

Mr. and Mrs. Weed have the sympathy of their numerous friends over their sad bereavement.

### FIRST PROSECUTION FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

Mr. D. L. Taylor, a prominent farmer of the Hollow Creek section and one of the best men in the county, was tried before Magistrate E. H. Addy on last Wednesday upon the charge of failing to comply with the compulsory attendance school law, it having been alleged that Mr. Taylor refused to send three of his children to school. Upon his plea of guilty, Magistrate Addy imposed a fine of \$15.00. The case was brought by O. L. Shealy, attendance officer for that section and is the first case to be brought under the new school act in this county.

The attendance officers wish it to be known that, because the name of a child has been overlooked in the registration of the children, that it does not release the parent of such child from complying with the law.

Attorney J. D. Carroll of Lexington, represented the prosecution in the case of Mr. Taylor.

### MR. D. B. RAWL SELLS FINE FARM TO MR. H. C. OSWALD.

Mr. D. B. Rawl has sold his fine farm on the Augusta Highway near Lexington, to Mr. H. Cromer Oswald for \$12,000.00. This is one of the finest pieces of property in the county, and Mr. Oswald has already commenced to make many improvements. Mr. Oswald has sold his handsome home in Lexington to Mr. W. E. Humphries, the popular sales manager of the Lexington Auto Co.

Mr. Rawl has also sold another tract of 247 acres near Lexington, to W. H. Wheeler and other well known negroes, for the price of \$17,350.00.

### MR. W. E. HUMPHRIES BEREAVED.

The many friends of Mr. W. E. Humphries, the popular sales manager of the Lexington Auto Company, will regret to learn of his bereavement, occasioned by the death of his father, which occurred in Alabama on Monday morning. Mr. Humphries received a message a week ago stating that his father was desperately ill and he left at once for his bedside. A message received from Mr. Humphries on Monday announced the sad intelligence of his father's death.

**LEXINGTON COTTON MARKET**  
Wednesday, Nov. 19  
Strict Middling ..... 38c

## KNIGHTS MEET HERE NOV. 26

Pythians from the Fourth district will meet with our local Lodge, No. 134, on Wednesday, November 26, for the annual district convention. Various matters of interest will be discussed and a large attendance is expected.

Mr. James F. Williams of Columbia is the district deputy, and he announces that grand lodge officers will attend the meeting. O. J. Bond of Charleston, the Grand Chancellor; Finlay Henderson of Aiken, the Grand Vice-Chancellor; and C. D. Brown, of Abbeville, the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, have signified their intention to be present. The session will open at noon, November 26, and all business matters will be handled before final adjournment on that day.

The Fourth district is composed of all lodges in Richland, Lexington, Newberry, Edgefield and Saluda counties. Each lodge is expected to send two or three delegates to the meeting.

Lexington will welcome these Pythians, and the people of the whole town should join the members of the local lodge in giving these delegates a courteous and enjoyable time. Every meeting of this kind, if properly handled, will help the town, and whether you are a Pythian or not, let's show the visitors that we are here, and that we can really do more than look out for our own interests.

### TAX COLLECTIONS BEST IN COUNTY'S HISTORY.

Messrs. C. E. Leaphart, county treasurer, and W. D. Dent, county auditor, who have been touring the county the past ten days for the purpose of collecting taxes, report that collections have been better than ever in the history of the county. People are paying up more promptly and with less complaint than usual. Practically the only kicks that have been heard are in regard to the \$5 road tax. In some cases people do not understand that this tax is being collected for 1920 instead of 1919. Where they do understand this they say that they will not mind the tax, provided they can see some improvement for the money. They have more money than usual as a result of the high price of cotton and they are ready to respond to the call for taxes. The schools of the county are very much in need of the money and it is well that the money is coming in.

### BOX SUPPER AT CONGAREE.

There will be a box supper at Congaree school house Thursday, November 27, beginning at 6:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend and the ladies to bring well filled boxes. Come one and all.

### PERSONALS.

Miss Fredericka Worrell, one of our charming young ladies is visiting her sister in Savannah, Ga., to assist her in her preparation prior to the starting of an interesting recital in that city.

Miss Kathryn Berly is expected home from Winthrop for Thanksgiving.

Mr. W. H. Witt, president of the Bank of Swansea, was in Lexington Monday on business.

Miss Pearl Linder, one of the most beautiful and accomplished trained nurses of Columbia, was a visitor in Lexington on yesterday afternoon. Lexington is Miss Linder's old home and her visits are always a source of cordial delight to her many friends.

Mr. Jas. B. Addy of Peak, former member of the house of representatives and a leading citizen of the Dutch Fork, was here on business Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Taylor and little Miss Willie May Taylor spent Sunday in Columbia, the guest of relatives.

Mr. Fred Craps, popular merchant and planter of Craps' Cross Roads, was here on business Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl F. Oswald and children spent Monday in Columbia.

Mr. George Fulmer, of Orangeburg, has accepted a position with Mr. B. H. Jarre as electrician, and has already commenced upon his duties. Lexington extends a most cordial welcome to this excellent young man.

Mr. A. J. Mathias and little son left on Monday for Plant City, Florida, where they will visit friends and relatives for several days.

Mr. J. Hamp Warren, of Edgefield, an old Lexington county boy, spent the week end with friends in Lexington.

## COTTON ASSOCIATION HELD AN ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING

### TOWN ELECTION NOT YET DECIDED: DR. HARMON RECEIVED MOST VOTES

Mayor T. R. Keisler and other members of the present town council assembled in the town hall on last Wednesday night to hear the protest of Dr. Rice B. Harmon, candidate for mayor, Attorneys T. C. Sturkie and Cyrus L. Shealy were present in the interest of Dr. Harmon, and T. C. Callison, Esq., attorney for the town of Lexington, represented the council.

Upon motion of Mayor T. R. Keisler, it was agreed to recount the votes, it having been alleged on information and belief, that a number of tickets bearing the name of Dr. Harmon, had been laid aside by the managers of election because they had been written with lead pencil. It developed that everyone of the tickets that had been cast aside by the managers belonged to Dr. Harmon, and when they were counted by council Dr. Harmon had a majority of one vote, he having received 55 votes against 54 for T. P. Meetez, his opponent. It will be recalled that when the managers declared the result they gave T. P. Meetez 54 and Dr. Harmon 41.

The recounting of the votes did not affect the outcome of the races for aldermen, however, some of the leads of the various candidates were cut down.

The council reserved its decision until a later date, and the next move will be awaited with keen interest by the friends of both candidates.

### TRACHOMA IN LEXINGTON.

Recently the Lexington High School was examined for Trachoma by an expert furnished by the United States public health service and he reported the disease as existing in the school. Out of a total number of approximately 300 children examined in the Lexington school about 42 cases were diagnosed as having the contagious disease of the eye lid. Dr. J. A. Hayne, State Health Officer, went to Washington in the interest of the state for the purpose of securing a clinic to combat the malady and today a request was forwarded to the State Health Officer by Dr. C. A. West, County Health Officer, asking for a clinic to be established in Lexington county as soon as possible, and it is hoped that treatment can be started in the next few days for the children who were found to be suffering from the disease.

## NEGRO KILLS MULE AND GOES TO PRISON

Robert Woods, returned negro soldier and well known about Lexington, is in the county jail with the charge of having deliberately killed a fine mule belonging to Mr. L. L. Parker, the popular lumberman of this town. The killing of the mule occurred at the saw mill plant of Mr. Parker about three miles from Lexington on last Saturday at noon, and was one of the most horrible brutish acts ever perpetrated by any human in the history of crime in this section. In a fit of madness, Woods thrust the point of a sharp axe in the back of the mule, causing a wound from which the animal died twenty minutes later, and before the arrival of Dr. J. H. Mathias, who had been immediately summoned by some of the other laborers of Mr. Parker. Woods claimed at first that it was an accident; that the mule had become entangled in the traces and was on the ground when he, in an effort to extricate the mule, picked up the axe and endeavored to cut the traces. The axe, he said, glanced and struck the mule. Later, however, after being confronted with eye witnesses to the deed, he admitted that he was mad and deliberately struck the mule, claiming, however, that he only intended to use the butt end of the axe.

Mr. Parker immediately went before Magistrate D. E. Amick and had a warrant issued for the negro. In the absence of Sheriff Miller, who was away on official business, Magistrate Amick placed Woods under arrest and lodged him in the county jail. Woods was in the act of getting in a transfer to go to Columbia when he was suddenly confronted by Magistrate Amick, whose quick work in the absence of the sheriff, has been commended by a number of persons.

The mule was valued at \$200.00 and was highly prized by Mr. Parker.

The Lexington County Cotton Association held the largest attended and most enthusiastic meeting in its history on last Friday. Representatives from every school district in the county were present and encouraging reports were received.

The meeting was called to order by the temporary chairman, Dr. D. M. Crosson, of Leesville, who stated the object of the meeting. In a ringing address, Dr. Crosson appealed to the farmers to rally around the colors, and stick to their former pledges with renewed hopes and higher aspirations. He told of the splendid results that had already been obtained by reason of the combined efforts of the members of the cotton association all over the South, and predicted that greater results would follow. The cotton association, he said, had been instrumental in bringing about the higher price of cotton by inaugurating the holding movement, and he urged every member to continue to hold, and at the same time get his neighbor to do likewise. Dr. Crosson stated further, that one of the chief aims of the cotton association now—and one that means much to the farmers of the county—is the building of a county warehouse. He also stressed the importance of co-operation with the banks of the county in furnishing loans to farmers on cotton stored in warehouses. The banks of the county, said Dr. Crosson, have been most liberal in extending aid to the farmers in the present movement, and he predicted that they would continue to do so.

The following officers of the Lexington association were unanimously elected:

Dr. D. M. Crosson, Leesville, president; James W. Shealy, Ballentine, vice president; Chalmers E. Wessinger, Lexington, secretary and treasurer.

The county executive committee is composed of the following: W. T. Smith, Swansea; Scott Shirey, Leesville; L. B. Frick, Little Mountain; Perry Derrick, Lexington; J. H. Price, Lexington. The president and vice-president are members ex-officio of the county executive committee.

The State board of directors is composed of G. A. Guignard, New Brookland; Dr. D. M. Crosson, Leesville; and Karl F. Oswald, of Lexington.

The association adjourned to meet again subject to the call of the president.

### CROSS ROADS LITERARY SOCIETY ORGANIZED

Cross Roads Literary society held its first meeting Friday, November the fourteenth.

Miss Bell Martin was elected president, Miss Eva Koon, secretary and treasurer, and Miss Minnie Rister, critic. After which the following program was carried out.

Essay—Mary Barrs.

Recitation—Mary Lee Martin.

Reading—Myrtle Craft.

Jokes—Wallace Williams and Alvin Smith.

Essay—Minnie Rister.

Riddles—Carl McIver and George Rister.

Recitation—Vera Lawson.

Reading—Lowell Williams.

Critic Report—Miss Lurline Stroman.

### BOX PARTY AT CROSS ROADS SCHOOL HOUSE

There will be a "box party" at Cross Roads school house Wednesday night, November the twenty-sixth. The public is invited to attend, and girls are requested to bring boxes.

### AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

The fourth Sunday morning in November, the 23rd, I will preach on the following subject: "The Educational Need of the Twentieth Century." Will have an interesting subject for night.

Preaching at 11 o'clock A. M. and at 7 P. M.

All are cordially invited to attend these services.

F. H. Funderburk, Pastor.

### CEMETERY ASSOCIATION MEETS.

St. John's Cemetery Association held its annual meeting Saturday Nov. 1, 1919.

And among some of its new business the dues was raised from forty (40) cents for member to one (\$1.00) dollar.

D. R. Harmon, Sec.